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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 3584

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN CONTROLS ON EXPORTS

REF: STATE 148224

1. ALL EXPORTS FROM COSTA RICA REQUIRE AN EXPORT PERMIT FROM THE CENTRAL BANK. THE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED TO CONTROL THE PRODUCTS EXPORTED AND TO OBLIGE EXPORTERS TO REVEAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

2. EXPORTS OF TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS ARE TAXED AND REGULATED

AS FOLLOWS:

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A. COFFEE. BY REGULATION, 13 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION

MUST BE RETAINED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. THE REST OF THE PRODUCTION IS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. ALL COFFEE EXPORTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE COFFEE OFFICE, A GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND MUST RECEIVE ITS APPROVAL. AT THE MOMENT, THE EXPORT TAX ON COFFEE IS 8 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

B. SUGAR. ALL SUGAR IS EXPORTED BY A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL MARKETING BOARD, THE SUGAR LEAGUE. EXPORTS ARE REGULATED IN ORDER TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT DOMESTIC SUPPLY. THE PRESENT EXPORT TAX ON SUGAR IS 20.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

C. BEEF. ONLY MEAT FROM MALE CATTLE (STEERS) MAY BE EXPORTED. OF THE STEERS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT, UP TO 15 PERCENT MUST BE RETAINED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION COUNCIL (CNP) REGULATES BEEF EXPORTS. THE PRESENT TAX ON BEEF EXPORTS IS ONE PERCENT.

D. BANANAS. EXPORT QUANTITIES OF BANANAS ARE NOT RESTRICTED. THE EXPORT TAX ON BANANAS IS 45 CENTS PER 40 POUND BOX.

E. COCOA. EXPORT QUANTITIES OF COCOA ARE NOT RESTRICTED. THE EXPORT TAX ON COCOA IS 13 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

3. EXPORTS OF NON-TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS PAY AN EXPORT TAX OF ONE PERCENT AD VALOREM.

4. EXPORT OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS IS PROHIBITED. ALL PROHIBITIONS ARE FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS, AND ARE MEANT TO PRESERVE DOMESTIC SUPPLY.

PRODUCT	DATE OF NAUCA NO.	PROHIBITION
SCRAP METAL	282-01-00	SEPT. 1962
COCONUTS	051-07	JAN. 1964
COPRA	221-02-00	N/A
COCONUT OIL	412-07-00	MAY 1974
UNCURED ANIMAL HIDES	211-01	SEPT. 1972
LARD	091-02	MAY 1974
WHEAT FLOUR AND SEMOLINA	046-01-01/02	JUNE 1973
COMPONENTS OF ANIMAL FEEDS:		
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TANKAGE	081-04-00	MARCH 1973
OFFAL MEAL	081-04-00	"
BONE MEAL	081-09-01	"
WHEAT BRAN	081-02-00	"
RICE BRAN	"	"
MOLASSES	061-04-00	"
CATTLE TALLOW	411-02	N/A
UNSAWED WOOD		JAN. 1973

5. ONLY THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION COUNCIL (CNP) MAY EXPORT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: RICE, BEANS, CORN AND SORGHUM.

6. PERMITS FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ARE REQUIRED TO EXPORT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: WILD ANIMAL AND PLANT LIFE, BREEDING CATTLE AND HORSES, AND LUMBER.

7. EXPORT TAX REVENUES AMOUNTED TO \$41 MILLION OR 12 PERCENT OF REVENUES IN 1975.
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